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MONITORING OF SCP AND TSP
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is monitoring the fund inflow from States/UTs and Central Ministries under the Special Component Plan and Tribal sub Plan intended to achieve overall development of SCs and STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the current fund inflow under SCP and TSP is in proportion of the Population of SCs and STs in the contributing States;

(d) if not, the steps taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Union Government has received any suggestion or request from Hon`ble Members of Parliament or Social Organizations regarding preparing and monitoring of `SCP` and `TSP` by different Ministries/Deptts. and State Governments;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(h) the details of Central Ministries/Departments who have formulated the SCP and TSP so far and the steps taken to prevail upon the rest to fall in line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (h) A statement is annexed.

Annexure

(a) & (b): Under the strategy evolved by Planning Commission, State Governments/ UT Administrations and the Central Ministries are required to formulate and implement Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for ensuring rapid socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by earmarking Plan funds in proportion to the percentage of SC & ST population in the respective States/UTs. A t present 23 States/UTs are implementing Tribal Sub Plan and 27 States/UTs are implementing Special Component Plan The formulation & implementation of the Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan for development of SCs & STs is monitored regularly by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (SCP) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs (TSP).

(c) & (d): Special Component Plan:-

In 5 States namely Haryana, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal allocate funds under Special Component Plan in proportion to their Scheduled Castes population in the last two years. Other States/UTs are reminded from time to time to allocate funds in proportion to their Scheduled Castes population.

Tribal Sub Plan: -

Some of the Central Ministries are not allocating funds for the TSP component and although some Ministries have allocated funds for the TSP component the quantum is less than the stipulated components of the Tribal population in the country. Likewise many States /UTs are allocating lower percentage of TSP flow as compared to the percentage to the ST population in the concerned States/UTs. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs had taken up the matter of mandatory earmarking of 8% of the Budget of the Ministry for Tribals under the TSP. Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also identifying the schemes of Tribal development to impress upon the concerned Ministries, the need to spend their funds for development of the Tribal Areas.

(e) to (g): No, Sir. However, the Central Standing Tripartite Committee set up by the Planning Commission in 1999 had grouped all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India into three categories based upon the feasibility of earmarking funds under SCP and TSP. In category −III, 30 Ministries/Departments have been grouped which are service oriented and also have activities of divisible nature. During the discussions on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour & Welfare and the Committee on the Welfare of SCs and STs, which examined the working of the

Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs) in Rajasthan, had commented on this aspect and desired implementation of the TSP strategy in letter and spirit. The recommendations of these Committees were brought to the notice of the Central Ministries/Departments and the State/UT Governments for taking appropriate action.

(h) At present 16 Central Ministries/Departments are formulating and implementing Special Component Plan & 17 Central Ministries/Departments are formulating and implementing Tribal Sub Plan. Other Ministries/Departments are persuaded regularly.